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**The European
Pillar of Social Rights:**
on the road to
implementation

Workshops

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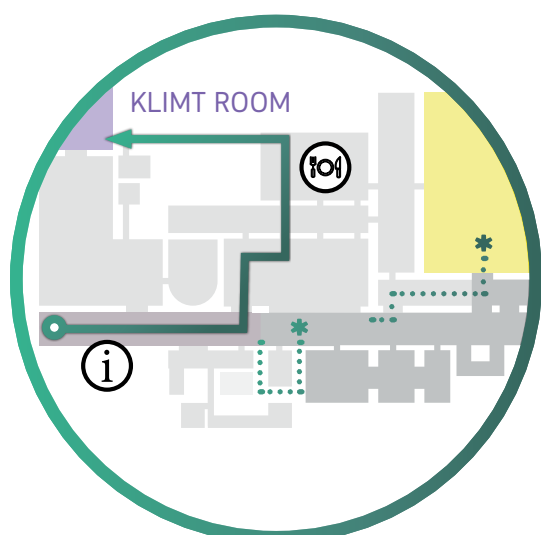
WORKSHOPS

Six parallel workshops

- 1 ➤ How can EU funding support the implementation of the Pillar at national and EU levels? (Klimt Room)
- 2 ➤ “No one left behind”: how can the Sustainable Development Goals ensure an inclusive implementation of the Pillar? (Creativity & Exploration Room)
- 3 ➤ Implementing the Pillar through the European Semester (Vision Room)
- 4 ➤ Adult learning and skills: a key contribution to the Pillar (Harmony Room)
- 5 ➤ The enabling and supporting role of social services (Innovation & Evasion Room)
- 6 ➤ Social economy and social enterprises: a boost for the implementation of the Pillar? (Clarity Room)

Venue Map

GROUND FLOOR



Wheelchair access to the Klimt Room via the restaurant



Wheelchair access

WORKSHOP 2

Creativity/Exploration

"No one left behind": how can the Sustainable Development Goals ensure an inclusive implementation of the Pillar?

WORKSHOP 4

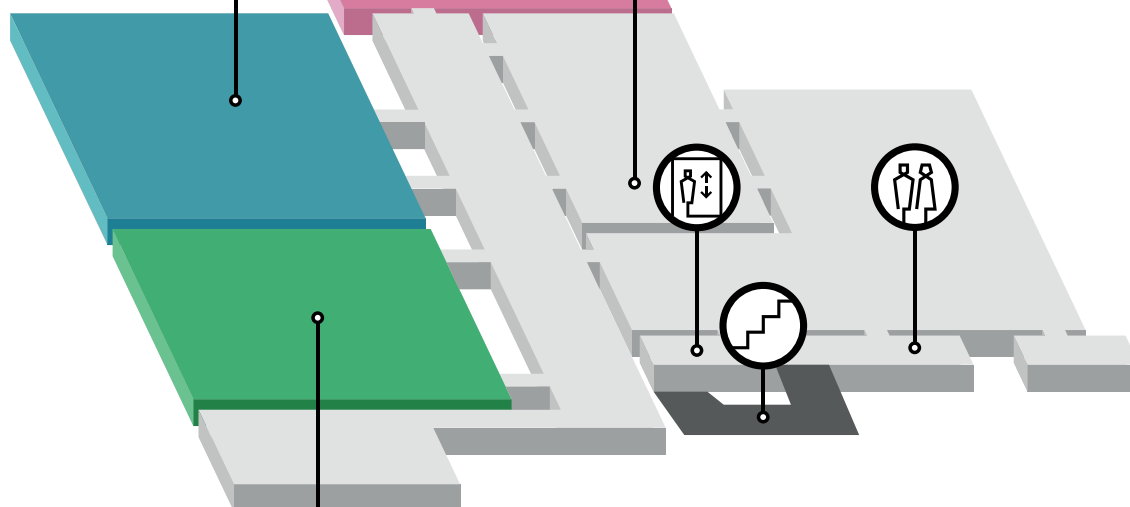
Harmony

Adult learning and skills: a key contribution to the European Pillar of Social Rights

DISPLAY STAND

DG Employment,
Social Affairs and Inclusion

1ST FLOOR



WORKSHOP 5

Innovation/Evasion

The Enabling and Supporting
Role of Social Services

WORKSHOP 3

Vision

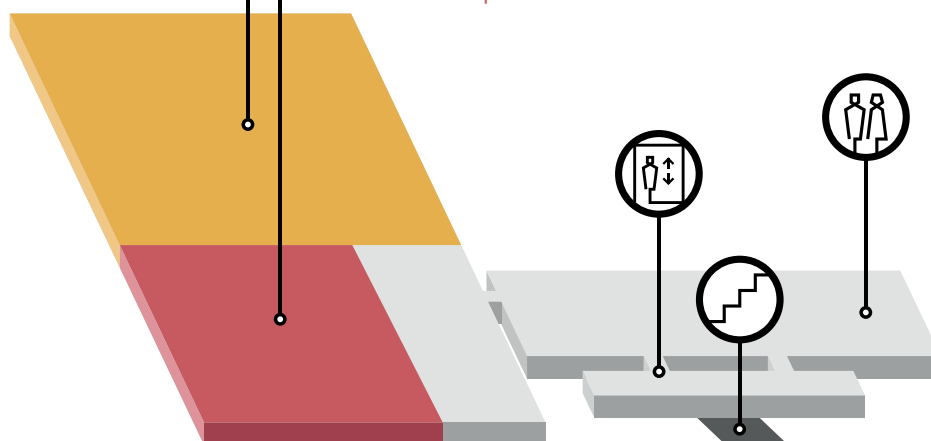
Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights
through the European Semester

WORKSHOP 6

Clarity

Social economy and social enterprises:
a boost for the implementation of the Pillar?

8TH FLOOR



How can EU funding support the implementation of the Social Pillar at national and EU levels?

Workshop 1

In March 2017, leaders from 27 EU Member States and EU institutions committed to the Rome Agenda, pledging to work towards “a social Europe; a Union which, based on sustainable growth, promotes economic and social progress as well as cohesion and convergence [...] a Union which fights unemployment, discrimination, social exclusion and poverty; a Union where young people receive the best education and training and can study and find jobs across the continent.”

In November 2017 at the Gothenburg Social Summit, EU Member States and institutions proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights as a key policy response to this concern. The Social Pillar strives to reaffirm and further strengthen relevant rights and principles in support of equal opportunities and access to the labour market, fair working conditions and social protection, as well as enhanced social inclusion.

The Social Pillar will be implemented through the European Semester and will constitute the reference for the design of the post-2020 EU financial programming period. All four funding instruments managed by DG EMPL, i.e. European Social Fund (ESF), Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) and Employment and Social Innovation programme (EaSI), will have a key role in delivering on the Pillar and the social and employment priorities endorsed in the context of the European Semester.

During our workshop, we will reflect on how the EMPL-managed funding instruments should be used with a view to support the implementation of the principles enshrined in the Social Pillar.

PROGRAMME

Panel discussion

Group discussion on the following four topics:

- Aligning funding to the principles of the Pillar (EU semester, CSRs, structural reforms)
- Improving synergies between EU funds for implementing the Pillar (avoiding dispersion of funds, increasing visibility and impact of interventions, addressing new challenges)
- Promoting simplification for all stakeholders (SCOs, results-based management, streamlining of rules)
- Strengthening partnerships (identifying appropriate partners, capacity building, monitoring)

SPEAKERS



Luk Zelderloo

Secretary General, EASPD
President, Social Services Europe

Luk has been professionally active in the disability sector for over 35 years. He is one of the founding fathers and the Secretary General of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), an umbrella network representing about 15,000 service provider organisations for persons with disabilities. He is also currently President of Social Services Europe, a platform of umbrellas of not for profit social services, and the Chairman of EMINO, a disability service provider of reference in Flanders.

Luk has extensive knowledge of public policy developments, managing EU funded projects, quality of social services and of deinstitutionalisation and community-based care. He has acted as a speaker and organiser of conferences on topics such as: education and employment of persons with disabilities, staff training, state aid, poverty reduction, combating sexual abuse, social policies, capacity-building and stakeholder cooperation.



Claude Cahn

Human Rights Officer, United Nations Human Rights Office (OHCHR)

Claude Cahn is a Human Rights Officer in the European Regional Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner, a post he took up in August 2017. Prior to joining OHCHR's Brussels office, he was a Human Rights Adviser in the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Serbia (2015-2017) and the Republic of Moldova (2009-2015).

Claude Cahn was also Head of the Advocacy Unit with the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (2007-2009). Between 1996 and 2007, he worked for the European Roma Rights Centre in a number of capacities. He has been continuously involved in efforts to secure justice for Romani women coercively sterilised in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary, and has been directly involved in a number of landmark rulings by the European Court of Human Rights on Roma rights issues.

Claude Cahn holds degrees in Law, History and Literature, including a PhD in Law from the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands).

RAPPORTEUR

Freek Spinnewijn

Director, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

“No one left behind”: how can the Sustainable Development Goals ensure an inclusive implementation of the Pillar?

Workshop 2

The workshop will explore the links between the implementation of the Social Pillar and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Many SDGs address the inclusion of vulnerable groups and correspond to the principles of the Pillar. The SDGs support Member States to achieve inclusive, people-centred and sustainable development, with no one left behind.

The European Commission announced a sixth Reflection Paper, ‘Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030’, on the follow-up of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The paper is to be released in late 2018, and the Social Pillar is expected to contribute substantially to it. The Commission has also established a multi-stakeholder platform to follow up and exchange best practices on SDG implementation with all actors. The aim is to further reflect on the links with the Social Pillar and the monitoring processes of the SDGs.

The workshop will focus on how actors can adopt efficient ways of implementing the Social Pillar, particularly for the most vulnerable groups, maximising synergies with the SDGs and making sure that no one is left behind in the implementation. The workshop will review the key objectives, targets and indicators of the SDGs in light of the Social Pillar, and possibilities to streamline the implementation of the Pillar and the UN SDGs. As a practical case study, the workshop will look at the issue of mainstreaming disability, discussing how to use the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to ensure inclusive disability outcomes from the SDGs and the Pillar.

The workshop will provide the opportunity to share examples of transferable actions, initiatives and practices to implement the SDGs and the Social Pillar in a coherent manner, ensuring that no one is left behind, and provide useful information on how national administrations, and European and national civil society organisations foresee their contribution to the upcoming reflection paper, ‘Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030’.

PROGRAMME

Panel discussion

Group discussion on the following questions:

- What are the most relevant SDGs to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth in Europe, particularly in the social area?
- How can the implementation of the Pillar’s principles contribute to achieving the UN SDGs, and vice versa? What obstacles could potentially hamper successful implementation?
- How can civil society organisations working at various levels contribute to the success of the Pillar? How can Member States facilitate this process and integrate the Pillar’s principles into their strategies for achieving their national targets?
- How can disability be best mainstreamed in the implementation of the Pillar and the SDGs using the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities? How can this inform ways of ensuring that the implementation of the Pillar includes all socially excluded groups?

SPEAKERS



Susanne Bosman

Programme Associate, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Susanne Bosman works at the United Nations Human Rights Regional Office for Europe (OHCHR), where she is focal point for the rights of persons with disabilities, women and children. She joined OHCHR in 2013 and has previously worked in the field of polling and social research at the European Commission.



Catherine Naughton

Director, European Disability Forum

Catherine Naughton is the Director of the European Disability Forum (EDF), a unique platform which brings together organisations representing persons with disabilities from across Europe. She is also the Vice President of the Social Platform, the largest network of European rights and value-based civil society organisations working in the social sector.

Catherine has an academic background in public health and holds a MSc in Psychological Science. She has 20 years of experience in the field of disability, with a particular focus on inclusive development: the rights of persons with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries.

She has worked in many countries, at the EU and international level, promoting the inclusion of person with disabilities in mainstream development and humanitarian programmes.



Dejan Bojanic

Vice President, European Youth Forum

Dejan Bojanic is Vice President of the European Youth Forum, the world's largest movement of youth organisations working for the rights of young people. With 104 member organisations, it brings together millions of young people from 45 European countries. The European Youth Forum represents the interests of young Europeans in international policy development.

Dejan Bojanic has an academic background in business and economics and a professional background in human rights and development. Dejan also manages the Save the Children youth organisation's international programme. Between 2012 and 2016 he advised UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the Global Education First Initiative, a campaign to accelerate progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. He currently sits on the European Commission's Multi-stakeholder Platform on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU.

RAPPORTEUR

Danielle van Kalmthout

Coordinator for international and EU Affairs at Gezinsbond and representative of COFACE

Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights through the European Semester

Workshop 3

The aim of this workshop is to bring together representatives of civil society, national governments and the European Commission to discuss the European Pillar of Social Rights (the Pillar) in the context of multilateral economic policy coordination. The discussion will analyse what has already been done this year to incorporate the Pillar in the European Semester and to identify ways to further support its implementation.

The objective is to stimulate a positive debate on the issue through an interactive and open discussion between civil society organisations with first-hand experience of the social issues at stake, and representatives of European and national institutions responsible for designing and implementing policy responses. Conclusions of the workshop will be shared in June at the high-level Bulgarian Presidency conference on the implementation of the Pillar.

The workshop will provide a picture of where we currently stand in this first Semester cycle with the Pillar, and of the way forward to further support implementation through the European Semester.

In this context, it will allow the Commission to gather feedback on the first round of Country Reports reflecting the Pillar's principles, and on possible ways to further support the incorporation of the latter in future Semester cycles.

PROGRAMME

Panel discussion

Group discussion on the following possible side questions:

- What role could the European Semester play in the implementation of the Pillar?
- What are the possible benefits, if any, of further increasing the possibilities of interaction with civil society stakeholders on the European Semester process?
- How can the civil society contribute to the analytical side of the Semester?
- How can the civil society support the implementation of the Semester's recommendations?

SPEAKERS

**Jeroen Jutte**

Head of Unit A1: Employment and social aspects of the European Semester,
DG EMPL, European Commission

Jeroen Jutte started his Commission career in 1995 in EUROSTAT, in the field of business statistics. In 1998 he moved to the Directorate-General for Regional Policy dealing with accession issues, with a particular focus on preparations in and negotiations with Poland. In 2003 he joined the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG EMPL) where he dealt with a variety of issues including ESF coordination issues, negotiations on the 2007-2013 Structural Funds package and development of the ESIF 2014-2020 proposals as well as pre-accession assistance (IPA). In 2011 he was appointed Head of Unit responsible for discharge on the Commission expenditure in the employment and social domain (some EUR 11 billion per year) as well as relations with the European Court of Auditors.

Since February 2013, Mr Jutte leads the 'Employment and social aspects of the European Semester' unit of DG EMPL. He coordinates and supervises the drafting of European Semester Country Report chapters on employment, education, skills and social policy issues, and the development of Country Specific Recommendations. Mr Jutte holds a Master's degree in economics (Erasmus University Rotterdam).

**Jana Hainsworth**

President of the Social Platform and Secretary General of Eurochild

Jana Hainsworth was appointed Secretary General of Eurochild in 2006. Eurochild is a membership network promoting children's rights in Europe, and includes over 170 member organisations and individuals across 33 European countries. Eurochild has a specific focus on child poverty, child welfare and protection reforms, and children's rights and participation.

In 2015 Jana Hainsworth was elected President of the Social Platform. The Social Platform brings together 48 European networks united in their commitment to social justice and human rights. It plays a key role in representing the civil society in relevant EU policy debates, particularly on the implementation of the recently proclaimed European Pillar of Social Rights.

She has an honours degree in Natural Sciences (Durham University), a Master's degree in Environment, Development and Policy (Sussex University) and professional experience in private consultancy and NGOs in the volunteering and youth sectors.

**Peter Verhaeghe**

Policy and Advocacy Officer, Caritas Europa

Since 2004, Peter Verhaeghe has been a policy and advocacy officer specialising in social affairs for the Caritas Europa network secretariat based in Brussels. He is responsible for the joint actions of the network relating to family policy, inclusive labour markets and sustainable social protection systems. Through his engagement with programmes such as the Caritas Europa CARES country reports, Peter works to reduce poverty, inequality, and social exclusion in Europe. In line with his role, he closely monitors the European Semester Process and EU initiatives related to the European Pillar of Social Rights. Peter Verhaeghe also chairs the Coordination Committee for the Turin Process and the Council of Europe's European Social Charter of the Conference of INGOs. His work reflects his educational background; Peter holds a Master's degree in sociology and a Bachelor's degree in social work.



Mariana Trigo Pereira

Chief-Economist, Cabinet of the Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal

Mariana Trigo Pereira graduated with a major in Economics and a Master in *Social Policy Analysis from the Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão*, University of Lisbon. Professionally, she has worked in consulting, financial management and public policy advisory.

She has also co-authored articles and book chapters on the welfare state, social security, unemployment protection and the Portuguese pension system. More recently she was co-author of the book, 'Caring for the future, the myths of the Portuguese welfare state' (2015). She is currently chief economist of the cabinet of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, national representative of the Employment Committee, and Portuguese government coordinator for the European Semester in matters related to Labour Market, Skills and Social Affairs.



Eha Lannes

Adviser to the Minister of Social Protection, Estonia

Eha Lannes holds the position of adviser to the Minister of Social Protection since December 2017. Her main areas of expertise are social welfare, long-term care, social security, rights of people with disabilities and child wellbeing. Eha Lannes has long-term experience in social sector and in the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia.

She joined the Ministry in 1999 as a member of the team that prepared the Estonian accession to the EU. Since then, Eha Lannes has worked in different positions in the Ministry, including social policy analyst, project leader of the European Year Against Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010 in Estonia, and adviser to the social welfare department. She has been involved in the preparations of number of social sector strategic documents and development programmes. She has also been a member of the Social Protection Committee.

RAPPOREUR

Conny Reuter

Secretary General, Solidar

Adult learning and skills: a key contribution to the European Pillar of Social Rights

Workshop 4

The way we live and work, the skills we need to thrive in our lives and the trajectories of our careers are rapidly evolving. These changes - driven by technological innovation, demographics, shifting business models and the rapidly changing nature of work itself - are significantly altering skillset requirements. One in five EU workers thinks it is very likely that some of their skills will become outdated in the next five years. Such 'skill mismatches' have increased the need for adult learning, training and upskilling throughout the span of a career. By making appropriate investments for optimizing adults' potential, companies and societies can reap the benefits of productive, innovative and experienced citizens who continue to adapt and deliver over time. Despite the growing need for skills, their proven positive influence on the economy and on quality of life, data confirms low adult participation in learning, ranging from as low as 1.2% to as high as 29.6%, with an EU average of 10.8% (still well below the 2020 target of 15%).

During this session, we would like to present the European Agenda for Adult Learning and the Recommendation on Upskilling Pathways. These are examples of EU measures that support Member States in developing adult learning systems and, in doing so, support the implementation of the first, fourth and fifth principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

We would like to invite participants to discuss how civic society can support reforms of adult learning systems. The workshop aims to inform participants on the concept of adult learning, the EU policies that promote it, and its role in the implementation of the Pillar. The participants will identify contributions that civil society can make to promote greater adult participation in learning and improvements that can be made to adult learning systems, thereby contributing to the European Pillar of Social Rights.

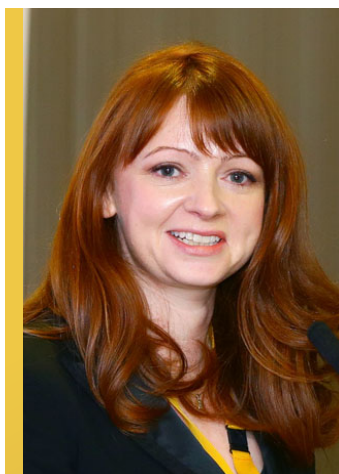
PROGRAMME

To include interactive discussions, presentations by guest speakers and market of ideas

Main questions to be discussed

- Which aspects of the European Agenda for Adult Learning and the Upskilling Pathways initiative are particularly relevant to your organisation?
- How could your organisation support regional or local authorities in implementing the European Agenda for Adult Learning, the Upskilling Pathways initiative, and by extension the European Pillar of Social Rights?

SPEAKERS



Niamh O'Reilly

Chief Executive Officer, AONTAS, Ireland's national adult learning organization

Niamh O'Reilly is CEO of AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation, Ireland's non-governmental membership organisation advocating for the rights of all adults to quality education. Committed to educational equality, she leads national advocacy initiatives on behalf of practitioners and learners and was recently appointed by the Minister for Education and Skills to the board of Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). With over 15 years' experience in the lifelong learning field at national level, Niamh's involvement at the European level includes acting as the designated national link for the European Agenda for Adult Learning, as well as serving as an elected Board Member of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) for three terms (2011-2017).

Niamh O'Reilly holds a BSc (Dundee), MSc (Trinity College Dublin), PGDip (Trinity College Dublin), HDES (University College Dublin) and is currently completing a PhD in adult and community education (Maynooth University).



Dana Bachmann

Head of Unit for VET, Apprenticeships & Adult learning, European Commission

Dana Bachmann joined the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion in January 2015 as Head of Unit in charge of Vocational Education and Training, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning. Together with her team, she is responsible for working with Member States, social partners and stakeholders to develop and implement policies that empower citizens with the skills they need to play an active role in society. Successful initiatives like the Upskilling Pathways for Adults or the European Vocational Skills Week are few of the unit's main achievements.

Prior to joining DG Employment, Dana Bachmann served as Head of Unit in the Directorate-General for Education and Culture, where she was responsible for the same policy areas. Before joining the Commission in December 2011, she worked as a lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice.

RAPPORTEUR

Gina Ebner

Secretary-General, European Association for the Education of Adults

The Enabling and Supporting Role of Social Services

Workshop 5

This workshop will explore the ways in which social services can support the implementation of the Pillar at national and EU level. The Pillar emphasises the right to quality social services, supporting people to participate in society on one hand, whilst managing the transition into the labour market on the other. In the context of the changing world of work, demographic and societal changes, social services need to not only deal with increasing and more complex demands, but also enable people to integrate into society and the labour market. What are the strategies and ways of achieving these objectives? How can European and national civil society organisations as well as public administrations contribute to reaching these objectives? The debate will cover the following topics: increasing outreach, ensuring quality, improving enabling functions, and preparing for the future.

This workshop will provide useful information on how national administrations, as well as European and national civil society organisations foresee their contribution to ensuring access to quality social services. It will also aim to secure participants' buy-in and commitment to implementing the Pillar's respective principles.

PROGRAMME

Impulse statements

World cafés on the following themes:

➤ Outreach

How to enhance access to social services? How to provide people in need with both information and services? What is the role of civil society organisations, public administrations and service providers? How to enhance cooperation between these actors with a view to increasing outreach and services?

➤ Quality

Which quality aspects are the most important for the provision and delivery of social services in the context of the Pillar (support with social integration and transition into the labour market)? Which actors are responsible for ensuring quality (including when outsourced)? What is the role of civil society organisations, public administrations and service providers? How to enhance the cooperation between these actors with a view to ensuring quality?

➤ Enabling

How to plan, implement and monitor the enabling aspect of social services? Who are the actors that should be included in this process? How to measure the impact of social services?

➤ Future

What are the challenges ahead? How could social services prepare for these challenges? How to put in place forward looking strategies (including procurement)? Which actors to involve?

SPEAKERS

**Quinta Ansem**

President of EAPN Netherlands

Quinta Ansem has built up a wide range of expertise in the welfare sector, and has also received appropriate training. Her qualifications include a Master's in social work, in which she assessed the New Style of Reflecting (Reflecteren Nieuwe Stijl) method that she developed herself. She has also trained to become a Past Reality Integration (PRI) therapist, a programme created by Ingeborg Bosch.

She is the voluntary Chairperson of the European Anti-Poverty Network in the Netherlands, and as a community worker with numerous welfare organisations she has worked with both social district teams and others. Her recent publications include 'Werken in de halve lijn, Sociaal werk in de wijk. Hoe doe je dat?' (2017); 2nd edition Netwerkontwikkeling voor zorg en welzijn (2018).

**Ana Rădulescu**

Director at the Centre for Training and Evaluation in Social Work (CFCECAS) and European Vice President of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

Ana Rădulescu is a social worker, Associate Professor at Bucharest University's Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, and Chief Executive Officer at the Centre for Training and Evaluation in Social Work (CFCECAS).

Ana pursues excellence and innovation in social work; she actively develops social services and advocates for people's social rights. As a professional she strives to strengthen the support and integration of socially excluded people and their resilience in the management of life risks. Since 2017, Ana has been coordinating the project 'Social Workers for Transformational and Sustainable Social Protection in Europe' as Vice President of the International Federation of Social Workers.

Ana is a consistent advocate and actively involved in making the impact and benefits of social services visible in people's lives and on social and economic growth. Through the social projects she creates and coordinates, Ana is a widely acknowledged expert in her field. She shows how social workers are building sustainable social protection in Europe, and takes an active part in ensuring that the voice of the most disadvantaged and excluded members of society heard, and that social inequalities are addressed.

**Matthias Schulze-Böing**

Managing Director of MainArbeit Kommunales Jobcenter Offenbach

Dr Matthias Schulze-Böing is the Managing Director of MainArbeit Kommunales Jobcenter Offenbach, a social and employment service organisation, subsidiary of the municipality of Offenbach am Main.

Since 1995, he has also worked as Head of Department for Employment, Statistics, Social Development, and Integration Policies at the City Council of Offenbach am Main, as well as being European Liaison Officer for the City. Matthias Schulze-Böing is also involved in numerous efforts at public, private and research levels, to stimulate and facilitate employment in the City of Offenbach am Main as well as at the regional and national levels.

He holds degrees in Sociology, Economics and Philosophy from Frankfurt University and the Free University of Berlin. He was a researcher at several German universities before working for the City of Offenbach as Delegate for Employment Policy.

**Thomas Bignal**

Director of the Federation of European Social Employers

Thomas Bignal is Director of the Federation of European Social Employers. He has been involved in European Affairs for nearly a decade, and has significant experience representing the social services sector at European and international level, primarily on matters related to legal frameworks, EU funding, and social dialogue and working conditions. He was also heavily involved in the creation of the Federation of European Social Employers, having coordinated the Promoting Employers in Social Services In Social Dialogue (PESSIS) projects, as well as the High Level Taskforce on Investing in Social Infrastructure in Europe.

Thomas Bignal has a BA in Politics and International Relations and a LLM in International Law with International Relations. In 2016, he was nominated on Forbes magazine's first list of 30 under 30 promising professionals in Policy and Law in Europe.

RAPPORTEUR

Heather Roy

Secretary General, Eurodiaconia

Social economy and social enterprises: a boost for the implementation of the Pillar?

Workshop 6

The workshop will aim to provoke debate on the competitive advantages of social economy and social enterprises in putting certain aspects of the Pillar into practice, including: Equal access to labour markets, Fair working conditions, Access to care and essential services, as well as Skills and lifelong learning.

The expected outcomes of the workshop will focus on messages that highlight the potential of social economy in relation to the implementation of the Pillar. These messages might inspire Member States to take further action, and empower and activate social economy organisations in making their case.

PROGRAMME

Opening statements

Discussions in thematic tables hosted by key stakeholders

What is the potential and promise of social economy and social enterprises in relation to:

- **Equal access to labour markets** (Corine van de Burgt and Privitera Massimo, ENSIE)
- **Fair working conditions** (Victor Meseguer, Social economy Europe and Diana Dovgan, CECOP)
- **Access to care and essential services** (Alexander Elu and Katharina Wenger Eurodiaconia)
- **Skills and lifelong learning** (Dorotea Naniele and Alessia Sebillo DIESIS)

On each table, the discussions will be organised around the following questions:

- What can social economy and social enterprises deliver that others cannot, and/or under what conditions can they deliver better than others?
- What evidence and examples are there of social economy delivering a better price, thereby contributing to the sustainability of welfare systems?
- What are the advantages of social economy and social enterprises in terms of quality of services?
- What is the broader added value to society of an active social economy?

Sharing key messages and closure

SPEAKERS



Denis Stokkink

Pour la Solidarité

Denis Stokkink is an economic expert with a rich professional experience. Since 2003, he has been the president of the Brussels-based European think & do tank 'Pour la Solidarité'. He is also the administrator of numerous social economy organisations in Europe and provides essential knowledge on socio-economic European politics to several Belgian and French training organisations. He is Rapporteur General of the GECEs.

Pour la Solidarité (PLS) is a European non-governmental organisation, constituted as a think & do tank. It provides information and support to European citizens, economic and social organisations and public authorities. The organisation aims to foster solidarity by creating networks between companies, public authorities, trade unions, associations representing civil society, and universities. POUR LA SOLIDARITÉ has a strong background in EU affairs and relies on a large network of partner organisations both locally and internationally.



Marthe Nyssens

Catholic University of Louvain

Marthe Nyssens is a professor at the School of Economics at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, where she is a member of the 'Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires Travail, Etat, Société (CIRTES)'. She is also a founding member of the EMES European Research Network, where she currently holds the position of EMES President, and the Chair of the COST action 'Empowering the next generation of SE scholars'.

Her research work has focused on conceptual approaches to the third sector, both in developed and developing countries, as well as on the links between third sector organisations and public policies. Her research deals with socioeconomic logics of 'not-for-profit organisations'. Her recent work focuses on the emergence of different social enterprise models in an international comparative perspective (ICSEM project). She holds a Master's in economics (University of California at San Diego) and a Ph.D. in economics (University of Louvain).

RAPPORTEUR

Stephen Barnett

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